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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ellen M. McAvoy

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-11 are still rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bolinger (6,037,506) in combination with Kaizik et al (6,627,782).

Applicant's arguments filed 25 June 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. As previously set forth, Bolinger discloses a process for producing hydroformylation products by reacting olefinic feed with hydrogen and carbon monoxide in the presence of a catalyst to form aldehydes and alcohols. Applicant's invention differs by converting the aldehydes and alcohols into 1-olefins with an increased carbon chain length compared to the starting olefinic compound. However, such a process step is known in the art as evidenced by Kaizik et al ["Kaizik"] which discloses preparing 1-olefins from aldehydes and alcohols by dehydration. Having the prior art references before the inventor at the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to the skilled artisan to have produced 1-olefins from the aldehydes and alcohols produced by the process of Bolinger if so desired by the addition of the known dehydration step taught in Kaizik

Applicant argues that:

"Neither Bolinger nor Kaizik et al. describe a process for increasing the carbon chain length of an olefin. Neither of these references suggests a process for increasing the

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carbon chain length of an olefin. There is simply nothing in either one of these references that relates to the subject matter of the claims of the present invention.”

This is not deemed to be persuasive because applicant's invention of converting the aldehydes and alcohols into 1-olefins with an increased carbon chain length compared to the starting olefinic compound is deemed to be obvious in view of the prior art to Bolinger in combination with the prior art to Kaizik, and not obvious over the prior art references separately. The examiner maintains the position that it would have been obvious to the skilled artisan to have produced 1-olefins from the aldehydes and alcohols produced by the process of Bolinger if so desired by the addition of the known dehydration step taught in Kaizik.

The rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over De Bruyn et al (WO 03/024910 A1) made in the previous office action is withdrawn in view of the Declaration filed on 25 June 2007 under 37 CFR 1.131 which is sufficient to overcome the De Bruyn et al (WO 03/024910 A1) reference.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

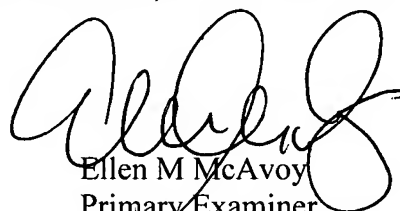
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ellen M. McAvoy whose telephone number is (571) 272-1451. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-5:00) with alt. Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on (571) 272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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